

February 27, 2003

Exemption No. 5209H  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2001-8528

Mr. Dave Prater  
Chairman, Technical Training Committee  
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Dear Mr. Prater:

This is in response to your December 17, 2002, letter petitioning the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Popular Rotorcraft Association, Inc. (PRA), for an extension of Exemption No. 5209, as amended. That exemption from § 91.319(a) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits PRA and its member flight instructors to conduct pilot and flight instructor training in an experimental gyroplane for compensation or hire.

In your petition, you indicate that the conditions and reasons regarding public interest and safety, presented in the original petition upon which the exemption was granted, remain unchanged.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to PRA and its member flight instructors.

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 5209, as amended, remains valid with respect to this exemption.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701 delegated to me by the Administrator, Exemption No. 5209, as amended, is hereby further amended by extending its May 31, 2003, termination date to May 31, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

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All other conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 5209, as amended, remain the same. This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 5209.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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